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MATSUI ANNOUNCES \$130 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION BILL

Bill designates Intermodal a project of National and Regional Significance

And authorizes over \$100 million for Light Rail

Sacramento, CA – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that \$130.174 million in federal funding for Sacramento infrastructure projects was authorized in the recently passed transportation legislation during a press conference at the future site of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility. Seven projects were included as part of the comprehensive highway and transportation bill, with the Intermodal designated a project of National and Regional Significance and included on a list of approximately 40 other projects nationwide. Because of this designation, the Intermodal will receive an additional \$3 million – pushing the funding to nearly \$9 million.

“Through these projects, we will not only continue to improve Sacramento’s highways and congestion, but our revitalization of downtown and importantly, create jobs,” said Matsui. “I am also pleased that this bill takes into account Sacramento’s growth and our priority of maintaining and improving our quality of life here.”

Also included in the transportation bill is authorization for “new starts,” which are large scale transit projects like light-rail lines. This bill included \$101.45 million for two new start projects: the South Line Extension from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College and Calvine-Auberry Roads; and the Downtown Natomas Airport Line. By receiving a new start, Congress has indicated its support for the eventual construction and funding of the project once it successfully completes the planning steps and project development process.

Other projects receiving funding include:

- \$8.852 million to advance development of the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facility through the construction of improved bus facilities and trackside passenger facilities, and for more efficient access to the station for light rail, taxis and cars. Additionally, \$3 million for the project was included on a list of 40 nationwide projects of National and Regional Significance.
- \$8.4 million for the North Central Business District to reconstruct and improve the interchange of I-5 and Richards Boulevard and widen 7th Street.
- \$6.6 million for Folsom Boulevard to implement improvements to the corridor between Rod Beaudry Drive and Sunrise Boulevard, such as installing sidewalks and street lighting to provide for public safety.
- \$3.2 million for the Watt Avenue improvements which will reconstruct Highway 50 at the Watt Avenue interchange.
- \$1.672 million to construct a bus maintenance facility and to purchase full size and shuttle buses.

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Sacramento TEA-21 Reauthorization Priorities (in millions)

Project	House Bill	Conference
Folsom Boulevard Master Plan: Implements improvements to the Folsom Boulevard corridor between Rod Beaudry Drive and Sunrise Boulevard including installation of landscaped medians, separated sidewalks with landscaped buffers, streetscape improvements at intersections, street lighting, and bikeways.	7.0	6.6
Intermodal Station: Construction to improve vehicular ingress/egress to site and trackside passenger facilities.	7.0	8.852
North Central Business District: Reconstruct the interchange of I-5 and Richards Boulevard and widen and extend streets.	8.0	8.4
Watt Ave Improvements: Reconstruct the U.S. Highway 50 at Watt Avenue interchange, install a segment of dedicated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and construct a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian pathway.	4.0	3.2
Bus improvements and replacement: Replacement of first generation Compressed Natural Gas Buses (CNG).	2.0	1.672
TOTALS	28.0	28.724

Sacramento TEA-21 New Start Authorizations (in millions)

Project	<i>Authorization</i>	<i>Funding guidance</i>
South Line Extension, Phase II: Light rail extension from Meadowview Road to Elk Grove	\$75.0 Design & Construction	\$11.0
DNA Line: Provide rail services from Downtown Sacramento to Natomas Town Center and Sacramento International Airport	\$26.45 Preliminary Engineering	\$5.0

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee developed a bipartisan bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which authorizes \$286.5 billion for highway and transit programs through September 2009. The legislation, which passed the House (412-8) and the Senate (91-4), now goes to the President for signature.

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